

# A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

LOCAL CHAT: HOME AND FASHION HINTS: RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: THINGS FEMINE

## COMFORTS FOR SEA TRAVELER EASY TO FIND

Some Hints on How to Make  
Ourselves Comfortable While  
Globetrotting

During these days when friends are packing up for a voyage across an ocean, possibly two of them, one is glad to contribute something that will add to the comfort of the traveler. There have been crocheted till most every globe trotter has an assortment of them. Steamer letters are pleasant, but they are no longer a surprise, and if one has a half dozen letter writing friends and mail de mer should happen to hold away for a few days the accumulation is pretty apt to be directly slipped over the side into the sea wet waste basket. An eastern paper gives a number of suggestions that sound feasible and some of them new.

A little pillow to tuck behind the back in the deck chair or to rest a cheek against in the berth, one which at the same time makes the carrying of look or magazine an easy task, is a useful addition to the traveler's outfit. The pillows may be made of colored linen or rajah silk or of hound. An attractive pillow is twelve by sixteen inches, stuffed with down, and has a pocket at the side, in which to put reading matter. The pocket is hemstitched and if it is desired to make it more elaborate, may have a monogram embroidered in one corner. A handle by which to carry it is securely attached at the top. If you wish to put still more work into this gift the outer linen cover may conceal a dainty white embroidered pillow. The opening in the linen case then buttons under the pocket, and the pillow may be taken out for use at night and replaced within the linen cover for daytime traveling.

If the traveler has no hat box, and must trust to the trunk tray for the transportation of the very best hat, it is often its sad fate to arrive with crown crushed and dented. To obviate this, make a cone of firm cardboard, cover with silk and fill with scented cotton wadding. It slips inside the hat crown and holds it firmly, despite what the baggage smashers may do. A set of these would make an original and acceptable gift.

Often one wishes to make a good-by gift for husband or brother—occasionally for some one else's brother, says an exchange. A handkerchief case, which is so essentially practical and convenient that it must surely appeal to any man, is made of two pieces of cardboard six inches square. They are covered with colored figured silk and lined with white china silk. A bit of

## WOMEN'S COLLEGES AND VOCATIONS

One of the most useful organizations of the moment is the association of which Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany is the chairman of the finance committee, to assist college graduates who have no vocation for teaching, but who, having made sacrifices to get their education, are rather expected to choose pedagogy as their means of support.

Mrs. Tiffany, who is a Bryn Mawr graduate, is one of a committee of Smith, Cornell, Barnard, Vassar and Wellesley women who are bridging the gap between the world of opportunity and the girl graduate, and their business is to find positions for the graduates in specialized service. Employers are directed to the secretaries of the organized branch of the alumnae, who supply them with trained help. Calls have been for a woman to

silk elastic passed around the two pieces holds them together, and the handkerchiefs slipped in between the boards journey to the end fresh and uncreased. The top of the case is ornamented with a ribbon bow.

A case for shirts is made of pale brown linen, lined with white silk and bound with ribbon. It is just the right size to hold a folded shirt and has four flaps which fold over, allowing any number of shirts to be laid within. The bottom of the case is stiffened with cardboard and padded lightly with wadding. The outer flap may be ornamented with an initial or monogram. This shirt holder goes easily into a suit case and protects the shirts perfectly.

Rubber overshoes are unpleasant things at best, and never more so than when we are compelled to pack them in our trunks. A case in which to slip them will surely be a welcome addition to any traveler's outfit. One may be made of pale blue linen bound with white satin ribbons and lined with thin rubber. The case is 10 inches long, each end being formed in a linen covered round three inches in diameter. The opening is securely held by a button and button hole.

A set of "aids to packing" makes a useful gift. A set consists of:

1. Several cloths to lay over dresses and trays. They are made of brown linen and bound with turkey-red calico.
2. Simple brown linen bags—one each for laundry, hose, overshoes, not pieces, soiled handkerchiefs, wash cloths, workbags, scraps (like garments, for mending rents) etc. The name is outlined on each bag in red cotton.
3. A long, narrow padded cloth tied with tapes, for wrapping around bottles or other breakables.
4. A padded bag, with draw-strings to slip hand mirror in.

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compile statistics for research work, for secretaries for clubs, financial secretaries, private secretaries, literary secretaries who can translate.

A college graduate who is a stenographer has a better chance and more money than one with a less broad education. Hotel keepers want the college graduate as superintendent and mistresses of great country houses want her as general administrator.

Another opening is that of buyer or consulting buyer for inexperienced women with moderate incomes. Graduates of college who have studied domestic science go from one patron to another and teach them about foods, what to get that is palatable as well as cheap, how to choose, how to detect false weights and measures.

### THE FLOWER HAT.

Flower hats are very popular at present, and the flower of the present season might certainly be said to be the hollyhock. For a large white picture hat worn by a young girl there is nothing to excel this blossom, the branches of pale pink hollyhocks, such as one seen standing sentinel beside the porch of some quaint English cottage being perhaps the prettiest. For country wear the Panama has made a welcome appearance, and as a good Panama is by no means particularly cheap, this is always a satisfactory investment from the point of view of those who like a certain amount of exclusiveness, in the matter of their headgear, and who fear all which suggest the possibility of cheap effects.

Leghorn straw is, besides, promised a great vogue this year, and the prettiest of little hats to wear with the lingerie frocks are designed in the natural Leghorn, with sloping crowns and very narrow brims. The only trimming consisting of a light frill of very fine ivory lace placed a little below the top of the crown and falling over the narrow brim. The upper part of this lace frill is hidden under a thick little roll of Nattier blue velvet twisted into a bow at the side, in the knot of which is imprisoned a tiny, closely-packed bunch of satin rosebuds in pale pink, shading to a rather deep rose. In lieu of this the top of the lace is sometimes hidden under a chain of flower heads, which are exactly the same all round, the hat being innocent of any supplementary bow or bunch of blossoms.

The under-brim is usually finished either with a double row of lace sewn perfectly flat, or with a stretched lining of pale pink serotone which gives a soft and very becoming glow to the face.

### WOOD DUSTER.

Save the stocking leg. There is nothing better for dusting and wiping polished wood. Drunken them in boiled oil and they will give the wood a splendid polish.—Washington Herald.

## GOOD TALK

Do you talk about people, things or ideas? For these are, roughly divided, the three grades of conversation. Listen to your own conversation for just one day. Listen as if you were listening to a stranger, and at the end of it ask yourself frankly if you are a bore, or an interesting person.

Half of good talk, of course, yes, more than half, is good listening. And to listen well you must be interested in what the other person is saying. If you can't be interested in the subject of his discourse, you can at least interest yourself in him—even if you must ask yourself what chain of circumstances ever led him to want to talk about subjects so trifling, so dull.

The good talker, the one who has something interesting to say and says it in an interesting way, forms his or her conversation on certain perfectly definite principles or rules. This may be done consciously or unconsciously, but the effect is the same. It is just as well to measure our own conversation by these rules and see if we live up to them.

The first two I have cited above. They consist in always letting the other person have his say and in being interested in it.

Perhaps the next rule should be never to talk about anything where you must make pretence of knowledge. There is always sure to be someone who hears you to realize that your criticism of Italian art or Gothic architecture or the English essayists is a sham. So if you don't know anything about a subject, say so frankly and ask for information. You will get it, often from those whom you supposed knew nothing of such things.

I remember hearing a charming girl, who was asked if she had seen Burne-ones, "Vampire" (then being exhibited in this country), replied blandly, "No, I haven't. Mother isn't letting me go to the theater much this season." So you see, by trying to appear wise she only displayed her ignorance.

And then there's another good rule: Don't talk about yourself. Very few people are vitally interested in you or your affairs. So keep yourself in the background unless you have something of special interest to tell, or are talking to your intimates.

When I was at boarding school, the lady principal once told us in a little informal talk of good manners, that disease, dress and domestic were never mentioned in good society. And since then when I've heard women after woman tell about hospitals and operations and nurses and the like with such keen relish I have longed to pass on to them the advice of my boarding school days.

Domestic too, might well be left out of conversation, though I must admit that an amusing anecdote concerning your cook sometimes "goes" very well. And I don't believe that women could ever take the subject of dress entirely, when the talk is just among ourselves you know.

But, after all, good talk is not so much the subject, as the views you have to express and the way you express them. Wide reading—and especially reading aloud—will give you a vocabulary and help you to talk. Letting the other person have his say and listening to him—really listening—will do the rest.

### ANENT THE BATHING SUIT.

For the maid who would look as well upon the sands as at any other time, there are the most fetching little suits this year. It is true that there are seldom very radical changes in the bathing suit modes, but there are certain little touches, little points which distinguish the suit and mark its season and its correctness.

One of the new ideas this year, for instance, is to use the fashionable ruff for trimming. This is one of the places where it is quite practical, for this material looks for all the world like a dissected Turkish towel—and towels do not mind water. One of the new suits had a quaintly shaped yoke of white ruffine, while the suit itself was of dark blue mohair, lustrous and heavy. Bands of the white ruffine finished the short, plain sleeves.

If one is slender enough, she may adopt the shirred trimming which was used with such good effect on a dark taffeta silk model. This had a shirred band outline the slightly high waist line, and there was a shirred ornament at the side, where the skirt fastened.

Black satin bathing suits are very good looking, and one may now purchase satin that the shops assure us will not be hurt by fresh or salt water. The satin suits are sometimes made up quite elaborately, with fancy buttons and contrasting satin or braid bands and ornaments.

And to go with the suits are all sorts of piquant little cape and hats and pretty shoes and stockings.

One who has had many years experience in the household says that when preparing oranges pour boiling water on them and let them stand for five minutes; then, when peeling them the bitter and indigestible white lining will come off clean with the skin. This enables you to easily slice and chill them for breakfast.

"That man has been making that same tariff speech for years, and I don't understand it yet."

"Certainly not," replied Senator Sargum; "that speech is like a conundrum. After you guess it, it's no good any more."

## NEW REVOLUTION IS PREDICTED BY MRS. FISH

Prominent Social Leader and  
Thinker Says Country Is  
Facing Upheaval

NEW YORK, June 22—"Like France on the eve of its great revolution—that is the way I feel that we are now unless some great leader, some powerful mind, can save us from what seems almost inevitable."

This remarkable statement was made by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, whose social prominence, whose charm and brilliancy have always made her, a leader, and who is received on both sides of the Atlantic as representing the social life of America.

"When I say that we are in the most critical period of our existence as a nation I do not say it as a socialist, as a radical or as a sensationalist, for I am none of those things," concluded Mrs. Fish, "but somehow I feel that I have a peculiarly clear outlook in a more than usually large way upon what is going on around me, and my opinion is that if our country continues to go in the way we are drifting there is a grave, a wonderful danger ahead."

Society Is Misrepresented.

"But returning to my fears for the future of our country, I want to say that society, the handful of people like myself who live within a certain restricted environment, is not largely responsible for existing conditions. While I look upon society as it exists at the present time as entirely not worth while, I do maintain that society has been very badly misrepresented to the masses of people."

"As a matter of fact, there is hardly any woman of my acquaintance, no matter what her alleged frivolities are, who does not take a deep human interest in her fellow creatures and try in every way possible to make the life of those less fortunately placed worth while. But what does one read of society? They do not hear the serious—the real—doings of the women of society, but let a man or two women lunch together and bring a dog or two along and the whole country is ablaze with front page stories of the event."

"To one monkey dinner there are thousands of splendid, fine, unselfish acts of human kindness done by these women. These go unheralded, not that we want them heralded, but we do not want the other things exaggerated, for they not only misrepresent but make for class antagonism and for class hatred," continued Mrs. Fish.

"The trouble is that as a whole our country is almost without standards and ideas, and our traditions are fast going from us. We have lost the greatest of our ideals, in fact, the one thing that makes ideals possible. We have lost our religious consciousness. It doesn't matter what sort of a religion one has, but no nation can exist without a religious feeling and understanding."

"I am taken for a worldly woman. Few of my old friends realize and understand the deep religious sense that has been the undercurrent of my life and has made me do whatever has been worth while in my life. But were I without this deep sense of the meaning of things, life would be the emptiest of bubbles. While I have been frank and candid at times to the verge of being misunderstood, I still feel that I have tried always to live up to the best that has been in me."

Ideals Are Maintained.

"With all my mistakes and failures I can at least look back upon my life as one that has striven at least to live up to certain standards which my sense of religion has given me."

"But do people about me understand all that? No, I find my friends look upon my serious side as 'peculiar.' They think I am blasé, tired, finished. It is no sign of jaded spirits to change one's idea as to what one most enjoys than it is to think one is dying of indigestion because one changes one's breakfast food."

"Have you noticed my dances themselves have changed; my waltz has become 'old fogey'?" she was asked.

"Have I? I should say I had. These wretched, vulgar dances, this Turkey trot, which I have seen during the last winter, is too disgusting for words. It

## Feminine Chat

If you are in doubt concerning the dentifrice you are using try camphorated chalk. It not only cleans the teeth, but has a splendid effect on the gums.

If your finger nails are stained, try a little warm water and lemon juice. It will not only remove the stain but will whiten the hands.

If your eyelashes will not grow bathe them at night with warm water and rub them with warm vaseline. After applying this treatment for several weeks you will notice the improved condition of your lashes.

When you wish to increase the color

in your cheeks for a few hours, says a writer for an Eastern paper, "First bathe with water comfortably warm, then wrap a flat piece of ice in a soft cloth and then rub it gently over the cheeks for a few minutes only. Next bathe the face with rose water or a fine toilet water, dry and use just enough powder to give the skin a soft effect."

Many girls and women complain of oily hair especially during the summer. This can be avoided in a measure if the juice of half a lemon is squeezed into the last rinsing water, or by putting half a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda in the water.

only shows that our whole country is becoming materialistic and vulgarized. In fact, that is what is the matter with society. It no longer means the same thing. I remember, and I am not a very old woman, when to be invited to certain great houses in New York—through divorce, which means anything in a great social way.

"That has all passed. All we have are recollections. Even the traditions, I say, have gone, and we find the debutantes of these years turning up their noses and pooh-poohing the waltz and calling it a 'grandmother dance' that none of us girls know."

"Think of it, the waltz, the city really beautiful, graceful, classic dance that has been canceled by the great ladies of all ages being contemptuously spoken of by these vulgar little misses, whose sophistication and worldly knowledge is a commentary on the laxity of social and democratic life."

"This same laxity and vulgarity has been brought about through the popularizing of the divorce. I remember a

TEA APRONS.

Tea aprons of the sheerest of white batiste, finished with scalloping are much in evidence, according to the New York Herald. The prettiest among these pinafores are shirred at the neck, have rounded lower corners, narrow gradually as they slant upward, and are stitched plainly to ribbon strings. Usually some color is employed for the embroidery, which is done with washable dyes, but the ribbon belt, with its long shawl ends, is of satin and has to take its chances at the hands of the laundress.

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